# **County of Loudoun**

# **Department of Planning**

# **MEMORANDUM**

DATE:

December 4, 2008

TO:

Loudoun County Planning Commission

FROM:

Sophia S. Fisher, Planner

SUBJECT:

December 11, 2008 PC Worksession—ZMOD 2008-0007

Goose Creek Village Comprehensive Sign Plan

# **Background**

On November 19, 2008, the Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on this application. No members of the public spoke. During the Hearing, the Planning Commission asked the following:

- Whether signs approved in error are grandfathered;
- Provide a matrix of approved sign plans;
- What criteria are used to judge sign plans.
- Whether a three dimensional rendering of the retail portion could be provided;
- If the freestanding office (type OF) signs could be located away from vehicular entrances;
- Possible restrictions on the number of signs proposed for retail tenants;

The Commission also directed the applicant to work with staff to identify signs that can be removed from the sign plan in response to staff's comment that there appeared to be an excessive number of signs.

#### Discussion

# Status of signs approved in error

Signs approved in error will not be granted permits. Over the past two years or so, staff has been directed to apply a stricter interpretation of the sign regulations in order to provide a greater consistency in the review and approval process. This means that although there are approved plans that contain signs not permitted by the Revised 1993 Zoning Ordinance, and some of those signs have been granted permits, staff is now encouraging applicants to remove any sign that is not permitted by the Ordinance, and is no longer recommending approval of said applications until all prohibited signs are removed. If an application

containing prohibited signs is approved, and the Ordinance is amended to permit those signs, the applicant would be permitted only the sign as allowed in the Ordinance—any modifications proposed with the comprehensive sign plan application would not apply, as there are no grandfathering provisions.

In the case of the Goose Creek Village Comprehensive Sign Plan (CSP), the signs in question are the pedestrian directory signs, type P7. As previously stated, staff cannot recommend approval of this application until this sign type is removed from the CSP. However, should the CSP be approved, the applicant would be unable to receive a permit for the sign as proposed even if the Ordinance is amended, unless the amended provisions meet or exceed the proposed sign. Also, if a sign is installed without first obtaining a permit, the property owner could potentially be subject to zoning violation proceedings if the County received a complaint about the sign.

# Comparison of Approved Sign Plans

The attached matrix provides a comparison between the <u>Revised 1993 Zoning Ordinance</u> Requirements, the proposed Goose Creek Village Comprehensive Sign Plan, and six approved comprehensive sign plans (Belmont Greene Village Center, Market Square at South Riding, Lansdowne Town Center, Arcola Center, Brambleton, and Broadlands).

Where possible, there is a direct comparison between modifications of the same section of the zoning ordinance, and similar types of signage. For example, signage for an anchor tenant for Goose Creek Village is compared to anchor tenants over 15,000 square feet. However, direct comparisons are difficult to make in many cases, because three of the surveyed sign plans (Belmont Greene Village Center, Market Square at South Riding, and Broadlands) were evaluated under the 1972 Zoning Ordinance and one (Arcola Center) is zoned PD-CC(RC) under the Revised 1993 Zoning Ordinance, which means that the base square footage allowances for signage can differ from the signage allowed in the PD-CC(CC) zoning district. Where direct comparisons are not possible, staff looked for the most similar categories in an attempt to make a comparison.

In general, staff found that the sign plans were diverse, and the approved signage varies dramatically, even where the same section of the Zoning Ordinance is being modified. This can be attributed to the changing nature of shopping centers, the different Zoning Ordinances/zoning districts in effect, and the unique nature of the different shopping center designs.

# Criteria used to evaluate sign plans

When reviewing each CSP application, staff evaluates the proposed CSP against the appropriate Zoning Ordinance, and the <u>Revised General Plan</u>. The main criteria used by Zoning Administration are outlined in the attached memo dated August 12, 2008 from Melinda Artman, the former Zoning Administrator.

From the Revised General Plan standpoint, this CSP was evaluated against the policies for Regional Office communities. The Revised General Plan envisions that the County will sustain a high quality built environment (Revised General Plan, Policy 1, pg. 5-5). Within Regional Office communities, the Plan further envisions that the buildings will be the prominent feature when viewed from periphery roads (Revised General Plan, Design Guidelines, pg. 11-14). Signage in these areas should exhibit a high quality of design and materials that complement but do not overwhelm the buildings themselves. The signage in conjunction with the landscaping, site layout, and architectural design of the buildings all contribute to the high visual quality that defines Business Communities in the County.

# Relocating type OF signs

According to Zoning Administration, the location of this type of sign cannot be modified.

# Three dimensional rendering of signs

Staff has requested that the applicant provide this information; an update will be provided at the December 11, 2008 PC Worksession.

# Restricting retail tenant signs

Currently, the applicant is proposing that each tenant be allowed to have up to five different types of signs, including building-mounted signs, blade signs, window signs, archway signs, and awning signs. The Planning Commission expressed a concern that allowing each tenant up to five individual signs would lead to visual clutter. Staff has proposed to the applicant that they restrict each tenant to one primary building mounted sign per façade plus a choice of two signs from the remaining four sign types. For example, one tenant could have a building mounted sign per façade, along with a blade sign and a window sign the applicant has not responded to this proposal; an update will be provide at the PC Worksession.

#### Status

Staff met with the applicant to discuss reducing the number of signs, and the applicant has proposed the following changes:

- Reduce the number of Project Entrance Monument signs (Types P1a and P1b) from a total of 8 (4 in PD-CC(CC) and 4 in PD-OP) to a total of 5 (2 in PD-CC(CC) and 3 in PD-OP).
- Reduce the number Site Directional signs from 9 (6 in PD-CC(CC) and 3 in PD-OP) to 3 (2 in PD-CC(CC) and 1 in PD-OP).
- Reduce the number of Pad Site Monument signs from the proposed 5 to 2.
- Reduce the number of Pedestrian Directories from 3 to 2.

Staff can support the most of the proposed reductions. However, staff remains concerned about the number of freestanding office monument signs (Type OF).

In addition, staff is not convinced that any retail monument signs (Type T5) are necessary, and recommends that the sign type be removed from the application. Staff also discussed the possibility of limiting the number of signs individual tenants can have. Staff proposed allowing one primary sign, such as a building-mounted sign, and a choice of any two additional types of secondary signs, such as window signs, blade signs, awning, etc. The applicant has not responded to this comment.

# **Outstanding Issues**

- Staff was not able to come to an agreement with the applicant regarding the number of freestanding office monument signs (Type OF), or retail monument signs (Type T5); staff remains concerned that the number is excessive.
- The pedestrian directory sign (type P7) is not a permitted sign; staff is unable to support approval of the application until the sign is removed from the comprehensive sign plan.
- The applicant has not responded to staff's proposal that retail tenants be restricted to one primary sign plus two types of secondary signs.

#### Recommendation

Staff can support approval of this application subject to the resolution of the outstanding issues.

### **Motions**

- I move that the Planning Commission forward ZMOD 2008-0007, Goose Creek Village North Comprehensive Sign Plan, to a Worksession for further discussion.
- 2. I move that the Planning Commission forward ZMOD 2008-0007, Goose Creek Village North Comprehensive Sign Plan, to the Board of Supervisors with a recommendation of approval, subject to the Conditions of Approval dated December 4, 2008 and with the attached Findings.

OR

3. I move an alternate motion.

#### **Attachments**

- 1. Conditions of Approval dated December 4, 2008
- 2. Comparison of approved sign plans
- 3. Zoning criteria for evaluating sign plans dated August 12, 2008
- 4. Letter from the applicant dated December 4, 2008
- 5. Revised matrix and freestanding sign location maps dated December 4, 2008

# ZMOD 2008-0007

# Goose Creek Village North Comprehensive Sign Plan Findings and Draft Conditions of Approval

## **FINDINGS**

- 1. The Comprehensive Sign Plan, as conditioned, is compatible with the environs and architectural design of Goose Creek Village and is consistent with the Revised General Plan.
- 2. The Comprehensive Sign Plan establishes a consistent palette of colors and materials.
- 3. The sign modification establishes appropriate requirements for the maintenance of permanent signs and the removal of temporary signs.
- 4. As conditioned, the application conforms to the <u>Revised 1993 Zoning</u> Ordinance.

# **CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL (December 4, 2008)**

- Signs shall be provided in substantial conformance with the Goose Creek Village Comprehensive Sign Plan prepared by BCT Architects dated November 6, 2008
- 2. Sign materials, colors, size, height, location, and lighting shall be provided in substantial conformance with the Goose Creek Village Comprehensive Sign Plan prepared by BCT Architects dated November 6, 2008.
- 3. Individual signs and associated landscaping materials shall be maintained in good condition, assuring sign legibility and health of landscaped plantings.
- 4. Lighting for signs will be directed toward the sign and all of the fixtures will be shielded to not spill upward or reflect or cast glare onto the adjacent residential properties or roads. Animation, neon lights, and moving lights shall be prohibited.
- 5. Once a commercial building is either 100 percent leased or sold, all real estate and marketing signs shall be removed within 30 days following the execution of the lease or sale of the commercial building.

Type of Sign: Entrance Signs (Retail)	Shopping Center Zoning and Size	Application Number	Total aggregate SF (does not include background structure, in any)	Max. number of signs	max. area of any one sign
Revised 1993 Zoning Ordinance (5-1204(D)(3)(c))			60 SF	1/vehicular entrance; max 3 signs	20 SF
Goose Creek Village	PD-CC(CC), 19.91 acres; PD-OP, 55.09 acres	ZMOD-2008-0007	508 SF	4	127 SF
Belmont Greene (1972 Z.O.)	PD-H4 administered as PD-SC, 36 acres*	ZMOD-2006-0015	920 SF	4	230 SF (115 SF/side)
Market Square at S. Riding (1972 Z.O)	PD-H4 administered as PD-H24, ~48 acres*	ZMOD-2006-0001	660 SF	1	330 SF/side
Lansdowne Town Center	PD-TC-23.37 acres	ZMOD-2006-0004	226 SF	1/vehicular entrance	113 SF
Arcola Center	PD-CC(RC), PD-TC, PD-IP, PD-GI, R- 8, R-16; 469 acres	ZMOD-2007-0008	108 SF	2	56 SF
Brambleton	PD-H4, PD-IP, PD-GI, 2000+ acres (~50 acres in the town center portion	ZMOD-2005-0001	270 SF	٠	90 SF (1 3-sided sign)
Broadlands (1972 Z.O.)	PD-H3, PD-H4, adminstered as PD- H24, ~1507 acres*	ZMOD-2005-0010	400 SF	2	200 SF

Type of Sign: Tenant Signs (>15,000 SF freestanding anchor)	Shopping Center Zoning and Size	Application Number	Total aggregate SF	Max. number of signs	max. area of any one sign
Revised 1993 Zoning Ordinance (5-1204(D)(3)(d))			2 SF/linear foot of building frontage, not to exceed 60 SF	1/façade; max 3	60 SF
Goose Creek Village	PD-CC(CC), 19.91 acres; PD-OP, 55.09 acres	ZMOD-2008-0007	360 SF	4/anchor tenant; 1/minor tenant	234 SF/anchor; 18 SF/minor tenant
Belmont Greene (1972 Z.O.)	PD-H4 administered as PD-SC, 36 acres*	ZMOD-2006-0015	624 SF (944 SF w/awning signs)	9	200 SF (240 SF/awning sign)
Market Square at S. Riding (1972 Z.O.; grocery store tenant)	PD-H4 administered as PD-H24, ~48 acres*	ZMOD-2006-0001	550 SF	10	185 SF
Lansdowne Town Center	PD-TC-23.37 acres	ZMOD-2006-0004	295 SF	8/building	85 SF
Arcola Center (modifies 5- 1204(D)(3)(j), for tenants >15000 SF up to 20000 SF)	PD-CC(RC), PD-TC, PD-IP, PD-GI, R-ZMOD-2007-0008 8, R-16; 469 acres	ZMOD-2007-0008	205 SF	3	144 SF
Brambleton (10000-30000 SF) (~50 acres in the	PD-H4, PD-IP, PD-GI, 2000+ acres (~50 acres in the town center portion	ZMOD-2005-0001	180 SF	3/façade; max 8	90 SF
Broadlands (1972 Z.O. anchor PD-H3, PD-H4, atenant)	PD-H3, PD-H4, adminstered as PD- H24, ~1507 acres*	ZMOD-2005-0010	318 SF	5	180 SF

Type of Sign: Tenant Signs (inline tenants)	Shopping Center Zoning and Size	Application Number	Total aggregate SF	Max. number of signs	max. area of any one sign
Revised 1993 Zoning Ordinance (5-1204(D)(3)(d))			2 SF/linear foot of building frontage, not to exceed 60 SF	1/façade; max 3	60 SF
Goose Creek Village	PD-CC(CC), 19.91 acres; PD-OP, 55.09 acres	ZMOD-2008-0007	200 SF + awning signs	varies	60 SF (excluding awning)
Belmont Greene (1972 Z.O.; corner tenant 4000-14999 SF inline tenants the same size get less signage)	Belmont Greene (1972 Z.O.; corner tenant 4000-14999 SF PD-H4 administered as PD-SC, 36 inline tenants the same size acres* get less signage )	ZMOD-2006-0015	276 SF (816 SF w/awning signs)	4	60 SF (240 SF/awning sign)
Market Square at S. Riding (1972 Z.O.; inline tenant 4,001- 15,000 SF)	Market Square at S. Riding (1972 Z.O.; inline tenant 4,001-acres*	ZMOD-2006-0001	70 SF + blade signs & awning option on some buildings	2	36 SF
Lansdowne Town Center	PD-TC-23.37 acres	ZMOD-2006-0004	75 SF + awning signs	varies	60 SF
Arcola Center (modifies 5- 1204(D)(3)(i) for tenants >5000 SF up to 15000 SF)	Arcola Center (modifies 5- 1204(D)(3)(i) for tenants >5000 8, R-16; 469 acres SF up to 15000 SF)	ZMOD-2007-0008	105 SF	2	60 SF
Brambleton (5000-10000 SF)	PD-H4, PD-IP, PD-GI, 2000+ acres (~50 acres in the town center portion	ZMOD-2005-0001	100 SF	2/façade; max 6	60 SF
Broadlands (1972 Z.O. inline PD-H3, PD-H4, adl retail tenant, size not specified) H24, ~1507 acres*	PD-H3, PD-H4, adminstered as PD- H24, ~1507 acres*	ZMOD-2005-0010	166 SF	ဇ	150 SF

Type of Sign: Office- Freestanding Building Entrance Sign	Shopping Center Zoning and Size	Application Number	Total aggregate SF	Max. number of signs	max. area of any one sign
Revised 1993 Zoning Ordinance (5-1204(D)(3)(I))			60 SF	1/vehicular entrance	20 SF
Goose Creek Village	PD-CC(CC), 19.91 acres; PD-OP, 55.09 acres	ZMOD-2008-0007	90 SF	1/vehicular entrance; max 2/building	45 SF
Belmont Greene (1972 Z.O.)	PD-H4 administered as PD-SC, 36 acres*	ZMOD-2006-0015	not included in plan		
Market Square at S. Riding (1972 Z.O)	PD-H4 administered as PD-H24, ~48 acres*	ZMOD-2006-0001	not included in plan		
Lansdowne Town Center	PD-TC-23.37 acres	ZMOD-2006-0004	not included in plan		
Arcola Center	PD-CC(RC), PD-TC, PD-IP, PD-GI, R- 8, R-16; 469 acres	ZMOD-2007-0008	not included in plan		
Brambleton	PD-H4, PD-IP, PD-GI, 2000+ acres (~50 acres in the town center portion	ZMOD-2005-0001	not included in plan	26	
Broadlands (1972 Z.O.)	PD-H3, PD-H4, adminstered as PD- H24, ~1507 acres*	ZMOD-2005-0010	not included in plan		

Type of Sign: Office-Building ID Signs (6+ stories)	Shopping Center Zoning and Size	Application Number	Total aggregate SF	Max. number of signs	max. area of any one sign
Revised 1993 Zoning Ordinance (5-1204(D)(3)(o))			240 SF	1/façade	60 SF
Goose Creek Village	PD-CC(CC), 19.91 acres; PD-OP, 55.09 acres	ZMOD-2008-0007	240 SF	1/façade	60 SF
Belmont Greene (1972 Z.O.)	PD-H4 administered as PD-SC, 36 acres*	ZMOD-2006-0015	not comperable		
Market Square at S. Riding (1972 Z.O)	PD-H4 administered as PD-H24, ~48 acres*	ZMOD-2006-0001	200 SF	4	80 SF
Lansdowne Village Green	PD-TC-23.37 acres	ZMOD-2006-0004	not comperable		
Arcola Center	PD-CC(RC), PD-TC, PD-IP, PD-GI, R- 8, R-16; 469 acres	ZMOD-2007-0008	not included in plan		
Brambleton	PD-H4, PD-IP, PD-GI, 2000+ acres (~50 acres in the town center portion	ZMOD-2005-0001	not included in plan		
Broadlands (1972 Z.O.)	PD-H3, PD-H4, adminstered as PD- H24, ~1507 acres*	ZMOD-2005-0010	800 SF	4	200 SF

Type of Sign: Hotel/Motel Conference Center (6+ stories)	Shopping Center Zoning and Size	Application Number	Total aggregate SF	Max. number of signs	max. area of any one sign
Revised 1993 Zoning Ordinance (5-1204(D)(3)(z))			90 SF	1/façade; max 3	60 SF
Goose Creek Village	PD-CC(CC), 19.91 acres; PD-OP, 55.09 acres	ZMOD-2008-0007	360 SF	1/façade; max 3	120 SF
Belmont Greene (1972 Z.O.)	PD-H4 administered as PD-SC, 36 acres*	ZMOD-2006-0015	not included in plan		
Market Square at S. Riding (1972 Z.O)	PD-H4 administered as PD-H24, ~48 acres*	ZMOD-2006-0001	not included in plan		
Lansdowne Town Center	PD-TC-23.37 acres	ZMOD-2006-0004	not included in plan		
Arcola Center (modifies 5- 1204(D)(3)(x), Hotel, Motel and Conference Center 1-3 Stories)	Arcola Center (modifies 5-1204(D)(3)(x), Hotel, Motel and PD-CC(RC), PD-TC, PD-IP, PD-GI, R-ZMOD-2007-0008 Conference Center 1-3 8, R-16; 469 acres Stories)	ZMOD-2007-0008	334 SF	4	82 SF
Brambleton	PD-H4, PD-IP, PD-GI, 2000+ acres (~50 acres in the town center portion	ZMOD-2005-0001	not included in plan		
Broadlands (1972 Z.O.)	PD-H3, PD-H4, adminstered as PD- H24, ~1507 acres*	ZMOD-2005-0010	not included in plan		

Type of Sign: Directional Signs, on-site	Shopping Center Zoning and Size	Application Number	Total aggregate SF	Max. number of signs	max. area of any one sign
Revised 1993 Zoning Ordinance (5-1204(D)(7)(h))			N/A	N/A	4 SF
Goose Creek Village	PD-CC(CC), 19.91 acres; PD-OP, 55.09 acres	ZMOD-2008-0007	274.5 SF	6	30.5 SF
Belmont Greene (1972 Z.O.)	PD-H4 administered as PD-SC, 36 acres*	ZMOD-2006-0015	not included in plan		
Market Square at S. Riding (1972 Z.O)	PD-H4 administered as PD-H24, ~48 acres*	ZMOD-2006-0001	not included in plan		
Lansdowne Town Center (modifies 5-1204(D)(3)(ii)	PD-TC-23.37 acres	ZMOD-2006-0004	not specified	not specified	45 SF (pole mounted signs)
Arcola Center	PD-CC(RC), PD-TC, PD-IP, PD-GI, R- 8, R-16, 469 acres	ZMOD-2007-0008	108 SF	6	12 SF/side
Brambleton	PD-H4, PD-IP, PD-GI, 2000+ acres (~50 acres in the town center portion	ZMOD-2005-0001	not specified	1/key intersection	18 SF (9 SF/side)
Broadlands (1972 Z.O.)	PD-H3, PD-H4, adminstered as PD-H24, ~1507 acres*	ZMOD-2005-0010	473 SF	11	43 SF

\*Note: the zoning designation listed for each plan is the property's former 1972 designation, which was in effect at the time the applications were evaluated and approved.

# **COUNTY OF LOUDOUN**

# DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT

# **MEMORANDUM**

DATE:

August 12, 2008

TO:

Department of Building & Development, Zoning Administration Division

Department of Building & Development, Zoning Permits

Department of Planning

FROM:

Melinda M. Artman, Zoning Administrator

SUBJECT:

Comprehensive Sign Plans

The purpose of this memo is guide staff in the review and administration of comprehensive sign plans.

# I. <u>GUIDELINES FOR REVIEW</u>

Modifications to the sign regulations are permitted for Planned Development (PD) districts only. Modifications to the sign regulations may be made in accordance with Section 6-1504 at the time of rezoning to a PD, or subsequent to the approval of a rezoning to a PD in accordance with Section 6-1511(B).

The following requirements may not be modified:

- To permit a sign that is listed as being prohibited in Section 5-1202(A).
- To permit a sign that is not listed or otherwise provided for in Section 5-1204(D).
- To allow for a sign to be illuminated when such illumination is not permitted in Section 5-1204(D).
- To allow for a different sign type than is permitted in Section 5-1204(D).
- The definition of any sign in Article 8.

Applicants should be advised of the following:

• Any sign not listed or otherwise provided for in Section 5-1204(D) is not permitted. Zoning permits will not be issued for any sign not listed or otherwise provided for in Section 5-1204(D), even if included in an approved comprehensive sign plan.

- Pursuant to Section 5-1203(A), no sign shall be erected without first obtaining a zoning permit. The approval of a comprehensive sign plan does not relieve the applicant of this requirement.
- Signs are accessory uses only. Per Section 5-1201, signs are "subordinate to the structures and land use functions they reference", and should be considered "accessory components of an overall composition of architectural elements."

The following guidelines are in response to specific questions raised by staff:

- If a proposed sign does not fit into the category as proposed by the applicant, staff should offer a more appropriate category (if one can be found).
- Signs that are not permitted may not be advertised.
- Even if they contain no words, solid color flags, Santa banners, and the like are considered to be signs as they meet the definition of sign, banner. Some banners could be permitted by temporary sign permit, as noted below.
- Banners are prohibited except as permitted as a Temporary Sign per Section 5-1202(A)(5).
- Signs may be located on trees, fences, lamp posts, etc. if not visible from any public road per Section 5-1202(A)(3). These signs should not be included with the comprehensive sign plan package.
- Construction Signs may announce the "nature of the structure and/or the name or names
  of the owner, contractor, architect, landscape architect, or engineer" per the Article 8
  definition. For example, a construction sign may announce a "Future Bank" but not a
  "Future Wachovia." However, the construction sign may announce that Wachovia is the
  property owner.
- The applicant may NOT propose a modification for a sign that does not yet exist (e.g. someone knows a zoning ordinance amendment is forthcoming and attempts to anticipate it with the application). One can not modify a provision that does not exist.

## II. <u>SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS</u>

A Comprehensive Sign Package should include the following items:

- A completed land development application;
- An application fee in the amount set forth by resolution of the Board of Supervisors. Fees for comprehensive sign plans are in addition to the sign permit fees that will be required when the sign permits are issued;
- A statement of justification, which addresses why the requested sign modifications are warranted and a justification as to how the proposed comprehensive sign plan satisfies

the Ordinance requirements to at least an equivalent degree; and which addresses the issues for consideration in Section 5-1202(E)(1)(c);

- A comparison chart of the proposed sign regulations in relation to the Ordinance regulations;
- Scaled, color drawings showing all of the various sign types proposed, including the
  design, materials, colors, illumination, and associated landscaping to be utilized to
  achieve a complementary system of signs and graphics; and
- A sign plan, depicting the location of all of the various proposed sign types.

# III. <u>ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION</u>

Any request to modify the minimum sign requirements of the Ordinance must include information which clearly demonstrate how the purpose of the sign regulations, as stated in Section 5-1201, are still being satisfied to at least an equivalent degree. The applicant should address the following in the statement of justification and/or other supportive documents, and staff should use these criteria to evaluate if the sign regulations are being satisfied to at least an equivalent degree:

- The application must demonstrate that the application is comprehensive and indicates a consistent design through size, shape, materials and color. Permitted signs (i.e. those signs not modified) shall be subject to the design scheme proposed by the applicant. Such an application could be sufficient justification that a modification for all the signs contained with in it is warranted because of the superior design standard the applicant wishes to subject him/herself to.
- That the modification proposed is the least amount needed with regard to the number, location and size of signs to adequately help people find what they need without difficulty or confusion, and that the signs are visible to the driving public and located and sized so as to enable the public to make turns in a timely manner.
- The proposed signage will not have an adverse impact on the visual character of an area or provide an overload of graphic messages or displays in the County.
- The proposed signage treats similar types of signs consistently.
- All signs shall be coordinated with the architecture of the principal uses in such a manner that the overall appearance is harmonious in color, design, form and proportion.
- The proposed signage encourages the general attractiveness, historic quality, and unique character of Loudoun County, and protects property values.
- The proposed signage represents a comprehensive sign program that is coordinated and unified in terms of design, lighting, materials, colors, landscaping, etc.
- The site have unusual characteristics such as topography, size, configuration and the like which would warrant a modification.



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December 4, 2008

# Via Hand Delivery

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Re: Goose Creek Village North Comprehensive Sign Plan



# Dear Sophia:

I am submitting the following revisions to the proposed Comprehensive Sign Plan for the commercial areas of Goose Creek Village North for the Planning Commission's consideration at the December 11, 2008 work session:

- 1. Revised Sign Location Plan maps (pp. 7, 7b, 7c and 7d) that reflects revisions to the signs proposed in the sign plan.
- 2. Revised Large In-Line/Freestanding Anchor Sign Type T1 (p. 16) that corrects the total square footage discrepancy in the previous version. All text refers to 360 s.f. max. square footage.
- 3. Revised Sign Requirements Matrix (pp. 1-6) that reflects the revisions to the pages noted above.

Specifically, the following revisions to the sign plan have been made:

- 1. Sign Type P1 (Option A) (p. 9): The total number of signs has been reduced from three to two to be located at the vehicular entrances to the retail center from Sycolin Road and Belmont Ridge Road.
- 2. Sign Type P1 (Option B) (p. 9): The total number of signs has been reduced from four to three to be located at two of the office park entrances located on the south side of Sycolin Road and at the one office park entrance located on the north side of Sycolin Road.

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- 3. Retail Pad Site Monument Sign Type T5 (p. 21): The total number of signs has been reduced from four to one. The remaining sign is located adjacent to the bank pad site.
- 4. Site Directional Sign Type P6 (p.12): The total number of signs has been reduced from six to two signs in the PD-CC-CC zoned portion of the project and from three to one sign in the PD-OP zoned portion of the project. The two signs located in the PD-CC-CC area are located inside the retail center near the vehicular entrances to the project from Sycolin Road and Belmont Ridge Road. The one sign located in the PD-OP area is located at the intersection flanked by Buildings E and H and a plaza area.
- 5. Pedestrian Directory Sign Type P7 (p. 13): The total number of signs has been reduced from three to two and located between Buildings E and F and G and H in the PC-CC-CC area, respectively, at the two primary pedestrian entrances to the retail area.

These revisions have been made in response to Planning Commission and staff comments. The Comprehensive Sign Plan for the commercial areas of Goose Creek Village North now presents a well-designed sign package with a significant reduction to the free-standing signage in the project, which provides signage that helps users find what they need without difficulty or confusion, while enhancing the visual character of the project. The proposed sign plan functions as an essential component of the overall architectural character of the Goose Creek Village North commercial areas.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

cc: Allan McKelvie, Goose Creek Retail Bryce Turner, BCT Architects Earl Sipes, BCT Architects

P2 Community Identification Entrance Sign PIE Project Entrance Monument

Site Directional

[7] Pad Site Directional Signs IS Pad Site Monument Signs

(W/ price posting) Gas Station Canopy Signs

WINN Convenience Store & Car Wash Building Signs

T7 Convenience Store & Car Wash I Office Building ID Signs (bldg. mounted)

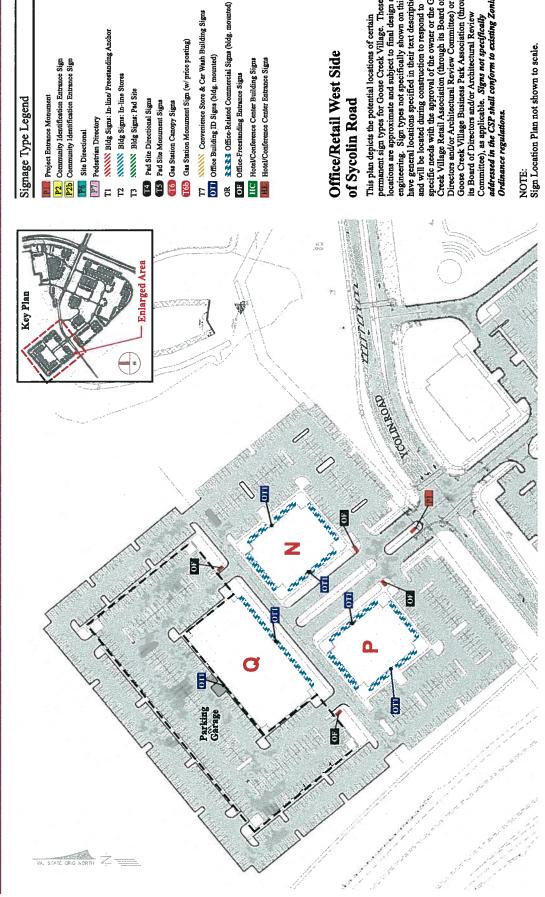
OR \*\*\* Office-Related Commercial Signs (bldg. mounted) Hotel/Conference Center Building Signs OF Office-Freestanding Entrance Signs

\* NOTE: Only one of these P6 signs may be erected

# North Side of Sycolin Road Retail Center

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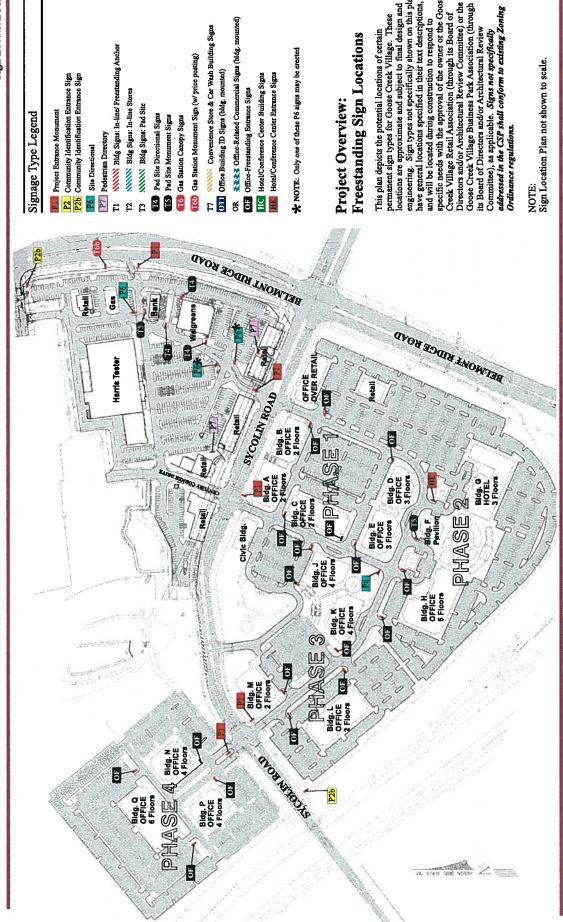
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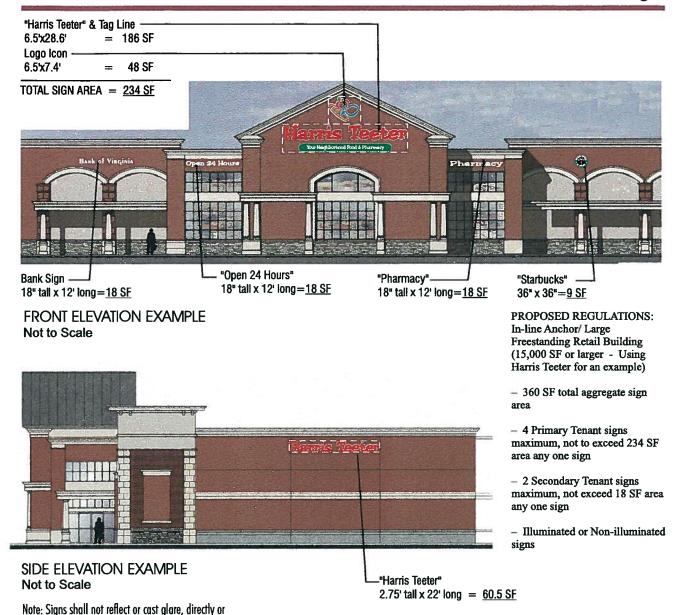


WINNIN Convenience Store & Car Wash Building Signs

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# Large In-line / Freestanding Anchor: Type T1

Large anchor tenants with in-line retail spaces or freestanding buildings of 15,000 square feet or larger are allowed signs that shall identify or advertise the individual enterprise served.

Retail signs will be individually designed to express the character of the retail business,

indirectly, on public roads or adjacent properties. There shall be no glare on roadways as a result of this illumination.

products sold or services offered. They may include the individual logo and typography of the retail enterprise.

Multiple signs may be permitted for each tenant such as marquee signs, awning graphics, under canopy signs and pedestrian level signs provided the total area does not exceed 360 square feet.

of parapet wall. See pg. 16 in CSP	roofline*	Danail & Jacour ea	-	illuminated						18 SF minor tenant	l sign per minor tenant	Ş	(Tenant 15,000 SF or larger) (Interior to retail center)	
*In no case shall sign be above top	-			Illuminated or non-						234 SF anchor tenant	4 signs per anchor tenant	43 09t	Large In-line Freestanding Anchor: Type T1	(d) Planned Development Community Center (PD-CC-CC)
	Roofine	Building Mounted	m	Backlight or White Light						60 SF	1 / facade, no more than 3 signs	2 SF / linear foot of building frontage, not to exceed 60 SF		(d) Planned Development Community Center - Tenant Signs and Tenant Signs for Business in PD- TC, PD-TT, PD-UC, PD-TRC, PD-TREC, PD- MUB, PD-RV Districts
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* Maximum area of sign. sculpture, and background structure combined; See pg. 11 in CSP	17 FT	Ground Mounted	10 FT (	Externally illuminated individual letters	65" E	97.38 SF				53 SF (Text) 45.5 SF (Sculpture)	1 sign	196 SF*	Community Identification Entrance Sign: Type P2b (Intersection of Belmont Ridge Road & Hay Road Extended)	
* Maximum area of wall mounted sign plus sculpture. See pg. 10 in CSP	30 FT (Sculpture)	Wall-mounted (attached to Bldg F patio wall)	10 FT (a	Externally illuminated individual letters	176" E (Wall) ii					76 SF (Text) 217 SF (Sculpture)	l sign	293 SF*	Community Identification Entrance Sign: Type P2 (Intersection of Belmont Ridge Road & Sycolin Road)	
* Maximum area of sign and background structure combined: See pg. 9 in CSP	12 FT	Ground Mounted	10 FT (	Internally illuminated backlit letters	12 FT   b	76 SF		51 SF			l sign per vehicular entrance - 2 signs max.	127 SF per sign*	Project Entrance Sign: Type P1, Option A (Entrances to retail center)	(c) Planied Development Community Center - Entrance Signs (PD-CC-CC)
	15 FT	Freestanding	10 FT	Backlight or White Light   1	8 FT	45 SF	1.5	30 SF	1.5	20 SF	1/vehicular entrance, no more than 3 signs	60 SF		(e) Planned Development Community Center - Burtance Signs and Entrance Signs for Commercial Developments in PD-TC, PD-TT, PD- UC, PD-TRC, PD-TREC, PD-MUB, PD-RV Districts
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	- 1-24	(d) Planned Development Community Center (PD-CC-CC)	LAND USE/ SIGN CATEGORY (or similar) (See Note 6)		
RetailPad Site Building Signs: Type T3		In-line Retail Center Signs: Type T2	CSP Proposed Sign Type & Location		
250 SF per tenant	Awning Signage 500 SF max total	200 SF per tenant	Maximum Total Aggregate Sign Area		
2 primary signs per tenant; 7 secondary signs per tenant	l per window	Number of signs per tenant will vary & may include any combination of the following sign types:  a) I primary building mounted sign per fheade b) Storeform to graphics applied to glass (max. 10% of window area. excluding transom) c) Under canopy or flag mount (blade) sign d) Archway sign (Bldgs E, F & G only)	Max. Number of signs		Ç.
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			Bonus Multiplier	Ground Mounted Structure	ek Village Comprehensiv ZMOD 2008-0007 Table 5-1204(D) Sign Requirements Matrix 1244/2008
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			Max Area of Background Structure	Mounted Background Structure	=
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Illuminated individual chantel letters or non-illuminated individual letters	Non-illuminated	Illuminated illuminated	Illumination Permitted		
			Min. Setback From R.O.V (See Note 2)	v.	
Building Mounted (Including marquee, under canopy, pedestrian level signs & awnings)	Building Mounted	Building Mounted	Type Permitted		
Max. 5FT above roofline*	Above window	Max. SFT above roofline*	Max. Height (See Note 3)		
*In no case shall sign be above top of parapet wall. See pg. 19 in CSP	See pg. 17 in CSP	*In no case shall sign be above top of pampet wall. See pg. 17. 18. 30. 31. 32, 33 in CSP, examples provided on pg. 35-38 in CSP.	Additional Requirements / Cod	nments	

(l) Office	(l) Office	Current Z.		(k) PD-O	(k) PD-0	Current Z.						
(1) Office - Freestanding Building Entrance Sign	(I) Office - Freestanding Building Entrance Sign	Current Z.O. Requirement		(k) PD-OP Development Entrance Sign	(k) PD-OP Development Entrance Sign	Current Z.O. Requirement				LAND USE/ SIGN CATEGORY (or similar) (See Note 6)		
Office-Freestanding Building Entrance Signs: Type OF			Community Identification Entrance Sign: Type P2b (Intersection of Sycolin Road & Dulles Greenway)	Project Entrance Monument: Type P1, Option B (entrances to office park)		CHARLES OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PARTY OF THE	Retail Pad Site Monument Signs: Type T5			CSP Proposed Sign Type & Location		
90 SF per bldg	60 SF	COLUMN TOWNS	196 SF*	148 SF* per sign		PROGRAMMENT AND A STATE OF THE PARTY OF THE	40 SF*	Awning Signage 500 SF max. total		Maximum Total Aggregate Sign Area		
1 sign per vehicular entrance; max. 2 signs per building	I / vehicular entrance		l sign	l sign / vehicular entrance - 3 signs max.	2 / vehicular entrance		l sign max.	l per window		Max. Number of signs		0
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45 SF*	45 SF		97.38 SF	80 SF*	120 SF	STATE STATE	40 SF*			Max Area of Background Structure	Mounted Background Structure.	a
5 FT	8 FT		6'5"	12 FT	SFT		5 FT		M	lax. Height of Background Structure	ground	
Internally or externally illuminated	Backlight or White Light	STREET, STREET	Externally illuminated individual letters	Internally illuminated back-lit letters	Backlight or White Light		Externally illuminated with ground mounted lights with shielded lenses	Non-illuminated		Illumination Permitted		
5 FT	10 FT	THE STREET	10 FT	10 FT	IOFT	Section 1	10 FT		A SERVICE	Min. Setback From R.O.W (See Note 2)		
Ground Mounted	Freestanding		Ground Mounted	Ground Mounted	Ground Mounted	WITH SELECT PARTIES OF	Ground Mounted	Building Mounted		Type Permitted		
5 FT	8 FT		17 FT	12 FT	5 FT	REAL OF THE	5 FT	Above Window		Max. Height (See Note 3)		
*Max. area of sign and background structure combined; See pg. 27 in CSP			*Maximum area of sign, sculpture, and background structure combined; See pg. 11 in CSP	<ul> <li>Maximum area of sign and background structure combined;</li> <li>See pg. 9 in CSP</li> </ul>	One sided only: signs shall contain no advertising.		*Max area of sign & background structure combined: See pg. 21 in CSP	See pg. 19 in CSP	Ad	ditional Requirements / Con	nients	

Total sign area excludes federally mandated gasoline price posting	15 FT Roofline	Freestanding Building I	S FT	Backlight	8 FT	45 SF	1.5	30 SF	1.5	20 SF	6	60 SF		(r) Anto Service Station (including convenience store, car wash & repair)
See pg. 26 in CSP	Above	Building Mounted		Illuminated individual channel letters						40 SF	I per tenant per façade: 3 signs per tenant max.	120 SF	Office Related Commercial Building Signs (ground floor): Type OR	(p) Office - Related Commercial (ground floor)
Located over entrance of business it identifies. Max. height of letters: 24 inches		Building Mounted		Backlight						20 SF	l / tenant	2SF per linear foot of building frontage (counts against overall building ID sign)		(p) Office - Related Commercial (ground floor)
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														(o) Office - Building ID Sign (6+ Stories)
*In no case shall sign be above top of parapet wall. See pg. 25 in CSP	Max. SFT above roofline*	Building Mounted		Bluminated individual charmel letters						60 SF	l / façade	240 SF / building	Office Building ID Signs: Type OT1 (1-6+ stories)	(n) Office - Building ID Sign (4-5 Stories)
														(m) Office - Building ID Sign (1-3 Stories)
must be the same.									and the second	60 SF		240 SF		(o) Office - Building ID Sign (6+ Stories)
area of sign is 20 SF. Name and	Roofline	Building Mounted		Backlight						50 SF	I / façade	200 SF		(n) Office - Building ID Sign (4-5 Stories)
Sign must be located at the top								0		40 SF		160 SF		(m) Office - Building ID Sign (1-3 Stories)
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(c) Real Estate - Commercial For Sale Sign  Real Estate Signs: Type M1  (On property subject to sale or lease)	(c) Real Estate - Commercial For Sale Sign	Current Z.O. Requirement	(x)-(z) Hotel/Motel Conference Center (1-6+ Stories)  Stories  (1-6+ Stories)  (1-6+ Stories)	(s) Hotel, Motel and Conference Center (1-3 Stories) (y) Hotel, Motel and Conference Center (4-5 Stories) (2) Hotel, Motel and Conference Center (6+ Stories)	Current Z.O. Requirement	(w) Hotel, Motel and Conference Center  (freestanding) Entrance Signs  (freestanding) Entrance Signs	(w) Hotel, Motel and Conference Center (freestanding) Entrance Signs	Current Z.O. Requirement	Convenience S	Gas Station Monument Sign: Type T6b	(r) Auto Service Station (including convenience Gas Station Canopy Signs: store & ear wash)  Type T6	LAND USE SIGN CATEGORY (or similar) (See Note 6)  CSP Proposed Sign Type & Location				
90 SF			360 SF	90 SF					ns: 190 SF	43 SF*	60 SF	Maximum Total Aggregate Sign Area				
Max. 5	l (upon any lot of less than 10 acres); 2 upon any lot in excess of 10 acres		1 / façade; max. 3 signs	1 / façade, no more than 3 signs		l sign per vehicular entrance	1 / vehicular entrance		6 signs	1 sign	2 signs	Max. Number of signs				
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7.6" FT	6FT		Max. SFT above roofline*	Roofline		5 FT	15 FT		Max. SFT above roofline*	SFT		Max. Height (See Note 3)		alpiers users a		
See pg. 14 in CSP			*In no case shall sign be above top of parapet wall. See pg. 28 in CSP	Sign must be located at top floor of building, otherwise max, area of sign is 20 SF		*Max. area of sign and background structure combined; See pg. 29 in CSP			*In no case shall sign be above top of parapet wall. See pg. 24 in CSP	See pg. 23 in CSP	*Not to exceed height of canopy at fuel pump pad: See pg. 22 in CSP	Additional Requirements / Cod	mments	The state of the s		

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) Directional Signs, On-Site	Site Directional: Type P6 (Intersections internal to retail center)	61 SF 30.5 SF	Max. 2 in PD-CC Max. 1 in PD-OP	30.5 SF*						Non-illuminated	10 FT	Pole Mounted	
	Pedestrian Directory: Type P7	49 SF	l sign per pedestrian access corridor from parking lot - 2 signs max.	24.5 SF*						Backlight Illumination	10 FT	Pole Mounted	
	Retail Center - Pad Site Directional Signs: Type T4	33 SF per tenant	3 per tenant					11 SF*	4 FT	Non-illuminated	10 FT	Ground Mounted	